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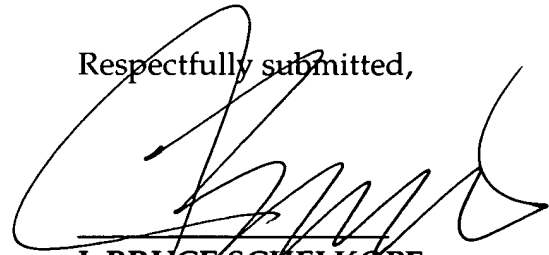
Claims 1-57 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner has set forth a restriction requirement for pending Claims per 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of two asserted invention categories including: (Group I) Claims 1-45, and (Group II) Claims 46-57.

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Applicant has reviewed Examiner's comments. Although Applicant does not necessarily agree with Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicant has nonetheless made a restriction election. Applicant hereby elects Group I Claims without prejudice, per 37 C.F.R. §1.142(b). Applicant requests removal of the Examiner's restriction requirement. Applicant further asserts that the elected claims of the present application are allowable and requests early and favorable action from Examiner. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned for all issues of this Application at the telephone number and/or email address indicated below.

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